

PRESIDENT SEEKS AID OF CONGRESS IN HIS EFFORTS TO AVERT STRIKE

The Situation Assumes Such a Grave Aspect That Chief Executive Holds a Conference With Senate Leaders

RAILROADS ARE FIRM FOR RATE INCREASE

Railway Heads Have Outlined
a Proposition Which They
Are to Present Monday
Next Monday to the Federal

Washington, Aug. 26.—The threatened railway strike took on such a grave aspect today that President

Suddenly this afternoon, when it became known that railway executives were unanimous in their rejection of the president's plan for settlement, President Wilson went to the capitol and laid before Majority Leader Kern, of the senate, and Senator Newlands,

committee, the statement of the railway heads that congress must guarantee some course of added revenue if they are to meet the demands of their employees. How this should be accomplished President Wilson did

Senators began discussing proposals to have congress record itself in favor of a rate increase.

May Address Congress.

No arrangements were made today

Tonight the railway executives finished framing their answer to President

The brotherhood leaders, after be-

Up to Brotherhoods.
The refusal of the railway executives to accept the president's plan, including concession of the eight-hour

It probably will be communicated officially Monday, after Mr. Wilson has rested from the exertions. Monday

It was 6.30 tonight when the com-

negotiations, announced that they had asked for a conference with President Wilson and awaited his pleasure. After a two-hour wait the executives announced that President Wilson had informed them he would prefer not to

The Situation Summed Up.
The situation, as summed up late tonight by those close in touch with it, was this:
President Wilson has seen the pub-

... will make him Monday and does not wish to accept it. It would not suffice those in the confidence of the railroad officials to have him make a counter proposal at that time, retaining his original proposition for

Not Acceptable.

It was evident that such a counter-proposal probably would not be accepted. Whether they would receive it from President Wilson and take it under consideration for a few days was not at all certain, but its ultimate

The position of the new is not clear. Apparently they will not accept the copy of the executive as it has been published, but they might be willing to negotiate with it on a basis. They will meet again at a somewhat later date.

Attitude of Congress Unknown.
 Nobody knows the attitude of congressmen toward the suggestion. It was pointed out tonight that there are many senators who bitterly opposed

the commission for its position in the case and who might be expected to oppose any proposal that would direct the commission to grant another hearing.

The various replies will be divided into argument and statement of

show that they do not accept the eight-hour day, with pay for ten hours, as demanded by the men that last night in the demand really is for an eight-hour day and pay for ten hours.

Three Things Are Cited.
Three things are cited by the executives to back up this position.

parts of the country have declared